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SUBJ: RAJ SABHA PRESENTS REPORT TO KING

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1. RAJ SABHA CONCLUDED THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS JANUARY-27 BY PRESENTING THREE REPORTS ON COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS TO KING. DESPITE THE FACT THAT RAJ SABHA MEETING BROKE PRECEDENT, THE REPORTS ARE A MIXTURE OF BLANK LANGUAGE AND GLOWING PRAISE FOR PREGRESS MADE UNDER HIS MAJESTY'S LEADERSHIP AND THE PANCHAYAT SYSTEM. ONE MEMBER DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS A WASTE OF TIME AND 2 LAKH RUPEES WHICH FAILED IN "EVERY RESPECT" TO POINT OUT TO THE KING THE TRUE PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY.

2. OF THE THREE REPORTS ONLY THE ONE DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY HAS RECEIVED PUBLICITY. ACCORDING TO RSS REPORT CALLS UPON THE COUNTRY TO "CLASSIFY ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS". FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT OVER THIS PARALLEL, BUT A MEMBER OF THE RAJ SABHA SAID THAT IT SIMPLY RESTATES

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THE OBVIOUS NEED FOR NEPAL TO GIVE MAXIMUM PRIORITY TO ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS TWO NEIGHBORS. THE REPORT STATES ON NATIONAL INTEREST AND THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE COUNTRY'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS. AS SUCH IT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS A MILD RECOMMENDATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAKE MEASURES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS

WITH INDIA.

3. ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT THE COUNCIL ENDORSED THE PANCHAYAT SYSTEM BUT POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR GREATER COORDINATION BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE BACK TO THE VILLAGE CAMPAIGN BOARD. THIS IS A REFLECTION OF SOME CRITICISM THAT THE VILLAGE CAMPAIGN HAS, IN THE PAST, USURPED SOME GOVERNMENTAL POWERS IN DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING LOCAL PROJECTS. THE KING ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL REVIVE THE RAJ SABHA FOR CALLING FUTURE MEETINGS ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS TO ADVISE HIS MAJESTY ON PRESSING SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRY. BASED ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS YEAR'S MEETING THAT TIME SCHEDULE STRIEKS US AS JUST ABOUT RIGHT.
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